



## **Commission on Child Care Annual Retreat Summary May 17, 2017**

**Members Present:** Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Dr. Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Carl Eggleston, , Diana Holzberger, Jessica Kelley, Edward Krauze, Sybil Philip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Claudia Simmons, Greg Smith, Lynn Sobolov, Greg Stevens, Barbara Warman and Dr. Mayme Williams

**Members Absent:** Hashan Chowdhury, Pamela Dunn, Yvonne Iscandari and Lara Woodruff

**Guests Present:** Liz Habermann (for Blaise DeFazio) and Shaun Rose

**Staff Present:** Erin Stillwell (DHHS) and Sarah Wilch-Spamer (DHHS)

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Greg Smith, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **Discussion about HHS' Plan to Incorporate CCC into the ECCC as a Subcommittee**

Barbara Andrews, DHHS clarified some information regarding the plan and regarding the formation of the ECCC.

#### ***Highlights of Discussion from Membership:***

- Concern that ECCC primary focus is children birth to 5 years and CCC is birth to 12 years; will not provide any opportunity to discussion on before/aftercare programs
- Concern that CCC as a subcommittee of ECCC will leave CCC being viewed as "less than"
- Are there duplicate representatives on the CCC and the ECCC
- Suggestion for CCC to write a letter to CC and CE to address concerns about this plan
- Agreed that collaboration b/w ECCC and CCC would be of value, but not in the planned format
- Concern that folding the CCC into a subcommittee of ECCC is "silencing the views of the members"
- CCC would like Uma to come to the meeting with the exec. board and/or full commission in June to discuss the HHS plan (JoAnn if Uma cannot attend)
- Question? Bill 37-15 (advocacy bill)-would ability to "advocate" at State level would be lost if CCC became a subcommittee of ECCC?

Shaun Rose Guest, Former Chair and Member of ECCC shared history and points related to both groups:

***Highlights of Discussion:***

- General history of Commission
- ECCC is too heavy with ex officio members from County government and MCPS (limits ability to advocate)
- CCC should be making the recommendations and ECCC should be “implementing” the recommendations
- Discussion that ECCC should become a subcommittee of the CCC
- Conversations happening at CCC that are not happening at the ECCC due to structure and membership

**Idea for Future Speakers:**

June: Uma Ahluwalia, DHHS Director

(No speaker in July)

September: Councilmember Tom Hucker

September/October: Liz Kelley, MSDE (to discuss MD State workgroup on universal pre-K)

**Ideas for Priorities**

Pre-K be the main priority (?) and have each committee look at it from a different

**Exec. Meeting-June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Will plan for June Full commission meeting and completion of retreat

**Meeting Time and Structure**

CCC discussed options for changing meeting time to start earlier; members present agreed to move full commission meetings to 6:30 to 8:30 PM beginning in June 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.